



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner : Krishnan S. Menon  
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Title : HOLLOW YARN MEMBRANE MODULE,  
: HOLLOW YARN MEMBRANE MODULE  
: UNIT, AND METHOD OF PRODUCING  
: HOLLOW YARN MEMBRANE MODULES

Dated: March 11, 2004

**CLAIM OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully claim an additional one (1) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) extending the time for Response to the outstanding Official Action dated October 23, 2003 from February 23, 2004 to March 23, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$310.00 is being submitted herewith pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Confirmation of the foregoing Extension of Time is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2719. A duplicate copy of this claim is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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